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either be the result of a course correction from higher authorities in the PM,s immediate office or it may aim to prevent a confrontation prior to the PM,s visit to Washington. Although the tone of al-Yassery,s words have changed, the message remains similar -- the GOI fully intends to enter Camp Ashraf in the near future, establish an IP station and move the camp,s residents to an alternative location inside Iraq, with the ultimate goal of relocating them to another country entirely. They also want U.S. military forces isolated from Ashraf residents as soon as possible, arguing the U.S. forces, presence leads Ashraf residents to inaccurately conclude the U.S. is still the ultimate arbiter of their future status. End Comment.

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